

measure of treatment for need among arrestees which combines these two measures.

-- Over two-fifths (43%) of the juvenile SANTA sample need some form of substance abuse treatment according to the criteria used in this composite measure.

-- The majority of those needing treatment--21% of the total sample--need treatment for both drug and alcohol abuse. Twenty percent (20%) of the total sample need treatment for drug abuse alone, and 2% of the juvenile SANTA arrestee sample need treatment for alcohol abuse alone.

#### Distribution of **Substance-Specific** Need for Treatment

- The greatest proportion of juvenile arrestees in need of treatment (53%) are Nashville arrestees, while Memphis has the lowest proportion (34%). Knoxville/Knox County, however, has an exceptionally high proportion of juvenile arrestees (32%) needing treatment for both drug and alcohol substance use disorders, with Memphis having the lowest prevalence (13%).
- The proportion of juvenile arrestees needing treatment climbs steadily until age fifteen and then appears to plateau until age eighteen. Up to age sixteen, the increase in the proportion of juvenile arrestees needing treatment is due primarily to increases in the proportion of juvenile arrestees needing drug treatment--mostly for marijuana abuse and addiction. After age sixteen, the proportion needing treatment for drugs alone declines, but this decline is offset by the increasing proportions of juvenile arrestees needing treatment for alcohol abuse alone or in combination with drug abuse.
- Whites have a greater need for treatment than non-whites (57% versus 34%). Juvenile males have a greater need for treatment than females (47% versus 36%). However, much of this gender differential is due to a non-white gender differential. Among white juvenile arrestees, 57% of both males and females need treatment. Among non-white juvenile arrestees, 42% of males need treatment, while only 21% of females do.
- All of those arrested for alcohol-related offenses need treatment, as do 60% of those arrested for drug-related offenses. About half of juvenile arrestees whose crimes were violent or youth offenses are in need of treatment. About one-third of those arrested for property offenses or miscellaneous public offense disorders need treatment.